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Applicant: ROSENTHAL, Andre et al.

Appl. No.: 09/647,377 Group: Unknown

Filed: September 27, 2000 Examiner: Unknown

For: NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING PROTEINS
WHICH INFLUENCE BONE DEVELOPMENT

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Sir: The following documentation and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

DOCUMENTATION

Attached hereto is a copy of an executed Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - Independent Inventor filed on even date herewith under separate cover.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a refund of 50% of the Filing Fee. Small entity status has been established by the filing of a statement on December 27, 2000.

Small entity applicants may now file the necessary Statement within three (3) months of the date of payment of any particular fee and request a refund. Attached hereto is a copy of the Statement Claiming Small Entity Status as independent inventor. The present application qualifies for the reduced fees as implemented by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 1982, and further amended on January 20, 1983 and September 8, 2000.

The present application was filed on September 27, 2000 with a filing fee of \$2,184.00. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$1,092.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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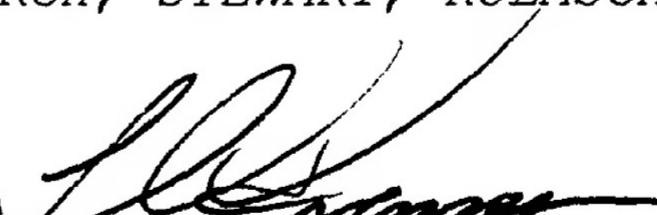
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Statement (Declaration) Claiming
Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) -
Independent Inventor (original photocopy) which should be
made part of the record of the present application.

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